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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
And the Honorable Council  
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I, authorize the Department of Education to transfer funds in and among classes within an accounting unit in the amount of \$186,690 to allow additional funds to be granted to schools to support expanding professional development for Districts to meet their increasing need for behavioral supports effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

**FY 23**  
**Project AWARE Grant – Federal**  
**Account: 06-56-56-562010-25080000**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	FY 23	Requested Action	FY 23 Revised
<u>Income</u>				
000-400146	Federal Funds	\$2,751,374	-	\$2,751,374
<u>Expenditures</u>				
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	\$32,457	-	\$32,457
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$11,800	-	\$11,800
021-502668	Food Institutions	\$500	-	\$ 500
027-582703	Transfer to DOIT	\$5,081	-	\$5,081
028-582814	Transfer to General Services	\$ 2,504	-	\$2,504
029-500290	Intra-Agency Transfers	\$6,500	-	\$6,500
030-500301	Equipment New Replacement	\$100	-	\$100
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$ 100	-	\$100
038-500176	Technology-Software	\$14,800	-	\$14,800

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039-500190	Telecommunications	\$1,240	-	\$1,240
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$11,852	-	\$11,852
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$2,171	-	\$2,171
042-500620	Post Retirement	\$9,893	-	\$9,893
057-500531	Books Periodicals Subscriptions	\$100	-	\$100
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$62,394	-	\$62,394
060-500601	Benefits	\$48,836	-	\$48,836
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$3,550	-	\$3,550
072-502626	Grants Federal	\$1,243,469	\$186,690	\$1,430,159
080-500710	Out-of-State Travel	\$9,050	-	\$9,050
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$1,284,977	(\$186,690)	\$1,098,287
	Total	\$2,751,374	\$ 0	\$2,751,374

**EXPLANATION**

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) received a grant from the U.S. Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 2019 which runs through 2024. This grant is titled FY 2019 Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) State Education Agency Grants (Short title: AWARE:SEA) (AWARE). The purpose of this program is to build or expand the capacity of State Educational Agencies, in partnership with State Mental Health Agencies (SMHAs) overseeing school-aged youth and local education agencies (LEAS), to: (1) increase awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth; (2) provide training for school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth to detect and respond to mental health issues; and (3) connect school-aged youth, who may have behavioral health issues (including serious emotional disturbance [SED] or serious mental illness [SMI]), and their families to needed services. SAMHSA expects that this program will focus on partnerships and collaboration between state and local systems to promote the healthy development of school-aged youth and prevent youth violence.

In analyzing expense accounts and current rates of expenditures, the Department requires a transfer of funds in some expense accounts. These funds will allow for schools to expand professional development opportunities to more staff members including their Paraprofessionals who often work one on one with Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. The increase in student aggression and having the tools to handle this disruptive behavior has enabled teachers to support students' progress and to be more academically sound. Other areas the funds will support include increasing Family Engagement and maintaining support staff through the summer months to assist the Tier 2 and 3 students who are often connected with schools for extended school year programs. Some funding originally budgeted for contracts has been consolidated and used for less expensive virtual options. The Department has budgeted this grant in one accounting unit: 25080000.

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The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
072	Grants Federal	Appropriation increased for additional support to school districts
102	Contracts for Program Services	Appropriations decreased to provide more funds to schools to provide professional development in Multi-Tiered Systems of Behavioral support to address significant behaviors being reported by school districts.

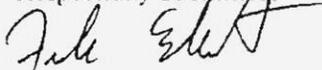
The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985.

**Justification:**

- 1) **Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?** Continuing
- 2) **Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level?**  
Maintain existing program level
- 3) **Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory.** RSA 135-F:6; Implementing a System of Care for Children's Behavioral Health in New Hampshire
- 4) **Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.** SAMHSA Federal Funds
- 5) **Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?** No
- 6) **Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?** Yes
- 7) **Are personnel services involved?** No

The Department has conducted a detailed review of these line items in the budget to ensure that available funds are maximized to the greatest degree possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Commissioner of Education